



National Environmental  
Laboratory **Accreditation**  
Conference

# Sixth Interim Meeting

**October 31-November 3, 2000**



**Riviera Hotel  
2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South  
Las Vegas, NV 89114  
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## Background



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The National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC) is a voluntary association of state and federal agencies established to develop uniform laboratory accreditation standards. NELAC voting members include state and federal agencies. Other stakeholders (contributors) provide comments at all stages of the standards development process. A federally-chartered advisory committee, the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board, offers consensus advice on the standards from a wide range of interests, including the private industry, local government, Indian tribes and the environmental section.

NELAC operates as follows:

- States and federal agencies adopt standards and serve as accrediting authorities;
- A multi-government team evaluates States' accreditation programs and recommends recognition of the programs; all recognized accrediting authorities agree to accept reciprocity;
- Accrediting authorities perform laboratory assessments or may contract with a third party for performance of the on-site assessment; and,
- Laboratories seek accreditation within their state, if available.

## Who Should Attend

Anyone interested in the production of sound environmental data should attend this meeting. State and Federal officials, environmental laboratory representatives, trade associations, environmental public interest groups, academia, local governments, Indian tribes, laboratory assessment bodies, regulated manufacturing industry, engineers and consultants will find the sessions particularly valuable to their work.

*If your interest is nationwide acceptance of your state's accreditation, avoidance of costly laboratory inspections with varying requirements, or participating in the development of national standards that are practical, effective and cost-efficient, then you should participate in the discussion at NELAC VII !!*

## What to Expect at NELAC VII

The Sixth NELAC Interim Meeting is an opportunity for debate on proposed amendments to the standards and consideration of new issues. Recognized Accrediting Authorities have begun assessing applicant laboratories and will report on their progress. NELAC VIIi will be a critical step forward as the NELAC standards are applied to private laboratories.

### Full Incorporation of PBMS into NELAC!

EPA has long been interested in promoting the use of performance based measurement systems (PBMS). Therefore, EPA requested that ELAB provide advice and counsel on PBMS, taking into consideration the EPA Program Offices' positions, the needs of the states, and the needs of the private sector. Keynote Speaker Mr. Henry Longest, Deputy Administrator, Office of Research and Development, will focus his comments on EPA's goals for PBMS. ELAB will provide a summary of its findings to date. An open discussion will follow. Come prepared to pose questions and provide comments.

Please fax or mail your  
registration form no later than  
October 6, 2000 to:

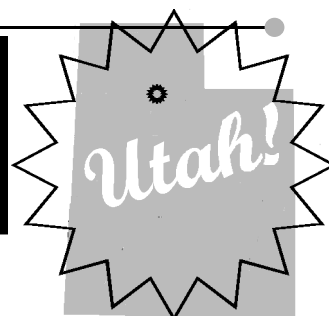
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Watch the What's New-NELAC Alerts link at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/nelac> for online registration

## Mark Your Calendar for NELAC VII

The Seventh NELAC Annual Meeting is scheduled for  
May 22-25, 2001 at the Little America Hotel in  
Salt Lake City, UT



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## Sixth Interim Meeting Registration Form\*

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- ☐ State
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#### PRIVATE SECTOR

- ☐ Private Laboratory
 ☐ Academia  
☐ Assessor Body
 ☐ EPA Regulated Industry  
☐ Environmental Interest Group  
☐ Other *(please specify)* \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please copy this form and submit a separate registration for each individual.

### Lodging and Travel Information



The Riviera Hotel  
2901 Las Vegas Blvd., South  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

Ask for the **NELAC rate of \$72**  
Valid through October 1, 2000  
Call 1-800-634-6753

- Shuttle outside of baggage claim area at \$4 per person:  
Bell Transportation or Gray Line
- Taxi service at \$15 for 3 or 4 people

### Preliminary Schedule

Monday October 30, 2000	Tuesday October 31, 2000	Wednesday November 1, 2000	Thursday November 2, 2000	Friday November 3, 2000
	<u>8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</u> Meeting Registration	<u>8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</u> Meeting Registration	<u>8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</u> Meeting Registration	<u>9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</u> Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board Meeting
	<u>9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</u> Opening Plenary PBMS Discussion	<u>9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</u> Concurrent Committee Sessions Field Activities Quality Systems Accreditation Process	<u>9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.</u> Concurrent Committee Sessions Membership & Outreach Transition Regulatory Coordination	
<u>2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</u> Meeting Registration	<u>1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</u> Concurrent Committee Sessions Accrediting Authority On-site Assessment Program Policy & Struc.	<u>1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</u> Concurrent Committee Sessions Field Activities Quality Systems Proficiency Testing	<u>12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.</u> Concurrent Committee Sessions National Database AARB Nominating	
			<u>3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.</u> Closing Plenary	
			<u>5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.</u> ELAB Open Forum	

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